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FM AMEMBASSY YAOUNDE
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 7388
INFO AMEMBASSY ACCRA
AMEMBASSY DAKAR
AMEMBASSY FREETOWN
AMEMBASSY LAGOS
AMEOBASSY LONDON
AMEMBASSY MONROVIA
AMCONSUL DOUALA BY POUCH

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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY BLAKE

REF: STATE 297097

1. EMBASSY DELIGHTED AT PROSPECT DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY
BALKE'S VISIT, AND ONLY WISHES IT COULD BE FOR LONGER PERIOD.

2. THERE APPEARS BE PROBLEM RE TRAVEL ITINERARY FOR WEDNESDAY
FEB 4. QC 41 NOW OPERATES THURSDAYS RATHER THAN WEDNESDAYS,
AND EXPECTED CONTINUE AS THURSDAY FLIGHT. (NOTE: SINCE QC
HAS NO TRAFFIC RIGHTS BETWEEN LAGOS AND DOUALA, SPECIAL PER-
MISSION NEEDED TO BOARD AT LAGOS AND DEBARK AT DOUALA. WE
COULD OBTAIN SUCH PERMISSION FROM GURC FOR LANDING, ASSUME
LAGOS WOULD NEED ARRANGE BOARDING.) ONLY WEDNESDAY FLIGHT
FROM LAGOS IS WT 166, ETD LAGOS 1200, ETA DOUALA 1625, WITH
CONNECTION TO YAOUNDE ON UY 420, ETD DOUALA 1800, ETA YAOUNDE
1855. CHOICE WOULD SEEM TO BE (A) TIGHT WEDNESDAY CONNECTION
IN LAGOS VIA 25 166, IF FEASIBLE, (B) SWITCH TO THURSDAY QC
FLIGHT FROM LAGOS, OR (C) SOMEOTHER WAY TO ARRIVE DOUALAT
FROM ACCRA.

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3. FOR FRIDAY FEB 6, 1130 DEPARTURE FROM YAOUNDE IS
VIA UY 701, ETA DOUALA 1200, WITH ETD DOUALA 1400 VIA UY 708,
ETA LAGOS 1525 AS STATED. UY 708 IS CONTINUATION FLIGHT OF
UY 701 ON SAME AIRCRAFT.

4. WITH CONTEMPLATED STAY IN YAOUNDE LIMITED TO LITTLE MORE
THAT ONE FULL WORK DAY, AND THIS TIED IN TO PARTICIPATION IN
COMMERCIAL OFFICERS CONFERENCE -- AGENDA FOR WHICH NOT YET
KNOWN TO POST -- IT DIFFICULT REALISTICALLY SUGGEST CAMEROON-
CONNECTED PROGRAM. WE HOPE IT WILL BE NOSSIBLE ARRANGE
MEETINGS WITH MINISTER OF ECONOMY AND PLAN YOUSOUFA DAOUDA
AND/OR HIS VICE MINISTER ROBERT NAAH. DAOUDA IS PRIMARILY
CONCERNED WITH INVESTMENT AND COMMERCE PART OF MINISTERIAL
PORTOFOLIO, WHILE NAAH HAS SO FAR CONCENTRATED ON PLAN (AID)
MATTERS. IF TIME PERMITS, AND IF BLAKE INTERESTED, EMBASSY
COULD ARRANGE, EVEN ON SHORT NOTICE, VISIT TO AID-ASSISTED
UNICERSITY CENTER FOR HEALTH SCIENCES.

5. THOUGH WE HAVE NO SCHEDULE YET FOR COMMERCIAL OFFICERS
CONFERENCE, AMBASSADOR EXPECTS GIVE RECEPTION FOR VISITORS
TO MEET YAOUNDE ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL COMMUNITY. WILL TRY TO
SCHEDULE SUCH RECEPTION TO PERMIT BLAKE ATTENDANCE.

6. AMBASSADOR CORDIALLY INVITES BLAKE STAY AT GESIDENCE,
WHICH ONLY 10-MINUTE DRIVE FROM MT FEBE HOTEL CONFERENCE
SITE. SINCERELY HOPE BLAKE WILL BE ABLE ACCEPT, AND BELIEVE
ARRANGEMENT WOULD BE CONVENIENT, BUT WOULD UNDERSTAND IF
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY JUDGED IT NECESSARY STAY AT HOTEL
TO MEET CONFERENCE REQUIREMENTS.

7. LETTER FROM AMBASSADOR TO BLAKE BEING POUCHED DEC 23.
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